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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

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War Highlights

WESTERN FRONT

American 3rd Army tanks, on the loose again, appeared within 10 miles of the Rhine river port of Mainz Tuesday in a whirlwind drive to trap 80,000 German troops in the Saar Basin. Battling against time, the desperate German forces were reported to have destroyed all of four serviceable bridges at Mainz and it appeared possible that the battle of the Saar Basin would be over within 48 hours.

American planes attacked jet-plane plants in Germany and took a heavy toll of German fighters that came out in strength. British bombers used the new 11-ton bombs against viaducts at Armsberg and in the area of Bielefeld.

EASTERN FRONT

The battle for Stettin was intensified. Berlin told of Russian penetration into the outskirts of the suburb of Alt-Damm. A new Russian offensive south of Oppeln in Silesia was reported by the Germans. Nazi naval forces joined the fight for the encircled Baltic ports of Danzig and Gdynia.

PACIFIC FRONT

Tokyo reported hundreds of American carrier planes were attacking southwestern Japan for the second straight day, and said U. S. submarines were moving through the China Sea to join the task force.

In Burma British troops fought toward the railway town of Kyaukse, 25 miles south of Mandalay.

American submarines were revealed to have sunk 15 more Japanese ships including five combat vessels.

The 11th and 43rd divisions were engaged in the toughest fighting of the Luzon campaign as they made deep wedges in the Japanese Shimbu line east of Manila. To the north, three other divisions closed in on Baguio.

WAVES Exceed Quota in War Fund Drive

John W. Leavitt, Chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive in Cedar Falls, has sent his congratulations to the WAVES at the Naval Training School for the fine way they responded to the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

The quota set for the WAVES was \$700 and the amount contributed was \$739.80. Lt. (jg) Gladys Goodding was in charge of contributions for this station.

Report on Recent Trip Brief But Comprehensive

Upon Lieutenant Elizabeth Hall's return from a recent visit to Washington, D. C. and New York, Sunday, her report was brief and inclusive: "All the WAVES in Washington look very happy and contented, and there are a lot of them there."

Glasses Provided At Government Expense

Under a comprehensive program effective 15 March, the Navy will provide necessary eye glasses and optical repairs and replacements at government expense to any man or woman, officer or enlisted, on active duty in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard regardless of where stationed.

The Navy has done everything possible to assure quick service for personnel and has inserted a provision in the contracts with optical firms that all orders must be filled within 10 days of receipt.

Only one type of spectacles will be furnished by the Navy. It will be a gold-color frame, gold filled Fulvue construction.

Lieutenant Asp Vis Station This Week

Lieutenant (jg) Asp, assistant Ship's Service Officer, was a visitor on the station this week. She called to make a routine check-up on the Ship's Service Store.

Captain McAfee Guest Of Final Graduation

Capt. Mildred McAfee, director of the Women's Reserve, will spend three days in Iowa on her tour of the Ninth Naval District. She will be the speaker at the final graduation of the training school at 1400, 28 April in the college auditorium.

Miss McAfee will proceed from here to Kansas. Washington, D. C., is her present station.

This will be Miss McAfee's second visit to the Cedar Falls Naval Training School as she was here in January of 1943 when the school was still an indoctrination school.

Lieutenant E. Hall Attends Conference

Lieutenant Elizabeth Hall has returned to the station after having attended the first conference of WR Representatives for the NINTH Naval District. Meetings took place in both Chicago and Great Lakes. Discussion groups were conducted by various department heads concerned with such mutual problems as housing, recreation and welfare, placement; discipline, civil readjustment and the like.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR SEAMAN SHOW

Seamen interested in contributing their talent to the Seaman Show are urged to contact their section representatives:

Shope	20
Compton	21
Mason	22
Wincy, Jensen	32
Banks	33
Cushing	34

Also, anyone with musical talent is urged to contact Arvella N. Banks, section 33, Billet 213B.

The Seaman Show will be presented on Thursday, 29 Mar. and is under the direction of Ensign Mary Bergquist assisted by Dorothy Taylor, Y3c.

Two Staff Members Transfer To Washington

Lt. (jg) Jean Moore and Lt. (jg) Dorothy Daniel Smith left the latter part of the week for Washington, D. C. where they will both be assigned to new duty.

Lt. Moore was an instructor in records and forms and correspondence here. Her home is in Salyersville, Kentucky. She received a B.A. degree from Transylvania College, Lexington Kentucky, where she studied business education and dramatics. She was a member of Phi Mu social sorority, and president of Pan Hellenic. Before she enlisted in the WAVES, Miss Moore was a teacher of commercial subjects and dramatic coach in the Mount Sterling (Kentucky) city schools. Her first assignment was recruiting duty in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Lt. Smith was in charge of the war orientation and current events lectures here. She comes from Savannah, Georgia, and is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia. She has done graduate work in French and received the M. A. degree from Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vermont. She holds the Certificate d'Etudes from the University of Bordeaux, and taught English at the Normal School in Bordeaux. Miss Smith also taught in Savannah before joining the Navy. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Holy Week Observed With Special Services

Music Hours, Sunday from 1600 to 1700 and Tuesday from 1830 to 1925, and Friendly Hour, Sunday from 1830 to 1925, will be held as usual in the Rose Lounge.

There have been two special religious services planned for Holy Week. A Protestant Holy Communion service will be held on Thursday, 29 March, in the Rose Lounge. Also, a short service of worship will be held Good Friday, 30 April, in Gilchrist Chapel at 1145.

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EDITORIAL

Time For Spring Check-up!

Spring officially began Wednesday! It's good news, isn't it? Your fancy has begun to turn to love. But there are other things to think of, other than romantic interests. Now is the time for spring house-cleaning; a self-inventory is needed.

You will soon be shedding "Old Faithful," better known as a top-coat, and you can no longer depend on it for camouflage. Your uniform, and what's underneath, will come out in full view. Is your uniform going to look like it had gone through a seven-year war instead of only one winter? The "blues" have gotten you through the long winter, and naturally they've become shabby looking. For the few remaining days, before the greys are worn, keep the bottle of cleaner handy and keep the spots off.

And when you go into your summer greys, how are your bulges and waistline going to look? They'll be even more conspicuous in those otherwise smart grey and white seersucker dresses.

With the good weather in Cedar Falls now, this is the time to get out for that promised walk, or swim in the pool. Also a good time to keep that promise of stopping the consumption of those 1630 Hitler Sundae's over-the-hill. Exercise will make you feel better and certainly you'll be more like the Navy WAVE that looks "100 per from head to feet."

Many of your leisure hours (it's hard to believe now, but you will have spare time when you're out of training school!) can be spent on the tennis court, swimming, bicycling, or walking.

A general house-cleaning will do wonders for you. The Spring Parade is about to make its appearance, and you can march proudly by the reviewers with more than a little confidence, if you review yourself before others do.

BARTLETT BINNACLE

Ola Butts, better known as Buttsie, is out of sickbay again; this time for good, she says. We hope so.

Who is the lost member of Section VIII who is always wandering around Bartlett and the gym looking for her platoon? They say her expression is bewildered and her attire very informal.

Marguerite Cobry, the PL of section 43 is known as "The Legs" and Jean Wigton, PL of section 32 is "The Voice". Are there any nominations for "The Body" ? ? ?

Hannah Ibost and Donna Gifford have taken on the duties of the bugling department. Donna is a former member of a drum and bugle corps; whereas Hannah claims she just doodled around on her brother's when he wasn't looking.

According to Miss Carver, section 20 has more ways of writing a two-page Navy letter than the whole Navy Department has ever thought of!

Teddy, the Left Guide and mascot of section 44, was the life of the party at the Lodge Sunday giving out with many sharp "about faces" and other tricks. He is quite an unusual pup in more ways than one. One of his accomplishments has been to discover the secret of invisibility.

Mildred Shields whistled at one of her fellow seamen the other day—she thought. By a funny twist of fate, it turned out to be Miss Hall instead. Very patriotic Millie—red face and blue uniform.

Marge Blackwell of Union, N. J. not to be confused with Union City is the instigator of cheers every noon in the mess hall. In case you've wondered, it's "only eight more days of school, hip, hip, hooray". Give our regards to Washington girls! Section 44 is very very sad. They had practiced a farewell song for Miss Moore until they were in very good voices. So what happened—Miss Moore did not come to class. This is to tell her she missed the song of the season, and ruined its chan-

ces for making the Hit Parade.

AGAIN Section 21 is baffled—What caused Robert David Carter to go AOL? ? ?

The Main Deck Lounge should be quite the center of attraction Easter morn Section 44 is having an "Easter Bonnet" contest.

Seems as tho' section 33 has gone and done it again. This time with their pet mascot, "Moi-le the Toitle".

If you can't get into Sick Bay, 'tis because section 21 has a trip-le A priority on it.

Pearl Fischer recently received a letter from her brother with the 9th Army in Germany containing a 20,000 mark note. Incidentally, she also has another brother with the 7th Army.

What section was told upon arriving at Cedar Falls that they were not to worry over their short-hand because eventually it would catch up with them? They tell me that they are still waiting.

Could have been that "rope yarn" was the source of those happy smiles seen around the campus last Wednesday.

Seamen, if you can't get your favorite perfumed soap, be sure and take a chance on the bar that section 33 is raffling off. It's simply out of this world.

Dottie Burton is just more than teaming these days. Seems as tho' her boyfriend is more than getting medals.

Section 21 is going in for "bang" up musters in a big way lately. For all details, see Arlene O'Brien.

The time had come to say "Good-bye"
She didn't shed a tear
He fidgeted, then with a sigh
He said, "Goodbye, my dear."

But it was she who caught the train,
And not her sweetheart Jeff;
Because you see she was a WAVE
And he was in 4F

(The Bull Horn

PEARL HARBOR SUPPLY DEPOT CENTER FOR PACIFIC FLEET

Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii—As the Supply Corps of the Navy celebrates its 150 Anniversary on 23 February, 1945, the huge Naval Supply Depot at Pearl Harbor is hard at work drawing supplies from hundreds of places on the mainland and keeping them flowing in an even stream to the fighting ships and men of the hard hitting Pacific Fleet.

Keeping the Fleet moving in this ever-growing war with Japan is one of the biggest jobs in the Navy. The problem of logistics, without which the solving of the puzzles of strategy and tactics would be impossible, involves everything outside the actual combat of our Fleet.

Solving this problem in the Pacific falls to the officers and men and civilian workers of the Naval Supply Depot here. Exactly how U. S. Navy ships are supplied so far from home is a question the Japs would like very much to have answered, but goods for the fighting ships pass through Pearl Harbor on their way to the front lines of battle.

Here are huge warehouses for weather-perishable goods. Here are enormous stockpiles in the open for supplies unaffected by rain. Here are tanks that hold millions of gallons of fuel for ships and planes. Every need of the fighting fleet is stored and catalogued by experts at their job. Storage space is measured in acres instead of square feet.

Since 7 December, 1941, when the supply department of all the Navy at Pearl Harbor occupied only a few relatively small warehouses in the Navy Yard area the Naval Supply Depot has increased by conservative estimate, to 1,000 per cent of its former size.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 items fill innumerable warehouses and sheds on more than 15 plots of ground stretching from Ewa on the west to Kewalo on the east, all along the southern edge of Oahu. More than 600 acres are given to the storage of goods.

In speaking of the tremendous task of supplying our Pacific Fleet, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S.N., Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, recently said:

"The method by which we are able to supply and maintain a great task force thousands of miles from its base for extended periods of time is one of the greatest secret weapons. I do not propose to disclose that secret to the Japanese who would very much

like to know it, but this much I can say: "It could not be accomplished without the loyal and tireless efforts of thousands of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees of the Navy whose job it is to supply the Fleet."

The job of keeping this huge depot running smoothly is now in the hands of Captain Hunter Josephus Norton, Supply Corps, U. S. N., of Miami, Florida, who has spent many years in the Navy learning to do his job well.

Figures on the numbers of various items that go through the warehouses and onto the "Ships of the train," as the Navy calls its vessels that supply the Fleet, are secret, but some idea may be gained by the fact that during the last year the Navy's total overseas shipments were the equivalent of 1,260 50-car freight trains.

A large percentage of all the supplies the Navy is sending overseas is handled by the men at the Naval Supply Depot. This collection pool in the globe-girdling pipe-line of supply maintains a constant "pressure" to assure an uninterrupted flow. Inventory control has become highly specialized at the Depot, and a quick look at the records locates an item needed, and gives the amount on hand. Years of experience have taught the Supply Corps men to be able to estimate the requirements of supplies in advance so that shortages occur rarely.

Food requirements for the Navy are enormous. Last year 320,000,000 pounds of fresh beef were used. The food list contained 68,000,000 pounds of butter, 67,000,000 dozen fresh eggs, and 5,500,000 pounds of ice cream mix — to mention only a few of the more than 100 subsistence items.

An example of the care that the Navy takes to insure the best food for its fighting men and fighting ships is the coffee roasting plant run by the Navy Supply Depot. This plant, drawing on coffee from Brazil and Columbia as well as a small amount of Hawaiian beans, furnishes more than 1,000,000 pounds each month to ships of the Fleet. The larger Fleet units have their own grinders, but the plant also grinds coffee for smaller ships without this equipment.

Each batch of coffee distributed to the Fleet is tested according to the best formulas. Men supervising the operation of the plant have all had previous experience in the coffee business.

Huge cold storage plants are in operation at Pearl Harbor to main-

tain a constant supply of fresh meats, poultry, fish, eggs, and other perishable foodstuffs. With very low temperatures keeping meats frozen solid, the danger of spoilage is entirely eliminated. From these cold storage plants, the "reefer" boxes of the train which carry the edibles to forward areas and ships too busy fighting to return for supplies.

Salvage is another problem adequately solved by the Supply Corps at the Depot. For instance, bent and battered oil drums are straightened out by hydraulic pressure and steam cleaned. Badly pushed in during amphibious operations, these drums are subjected to 80 pounds of hydrostatic pressure which straightens out all but the worst dents. A few blows with a mallet will do the rest. The rims are straightened in a special steel press, and then the barrels are washed in caustic soda to remove residue paint, oil or gasoline. The drums are then ready for a new paint job and are ready for service again.

More than 10,000 drums a month can be repaired and restored at the Depot.

A huge metal scrap dump, where materials vital to the war, are salvaged is also in operation at the Depot, as part of Material Recovery Unit Number 14. This unit both salvages usable materials and processes scrap no longer of use to the Navy.

Everything from pea coats to fire plugs go through this mill and usually find an owner after reconditioning. In a recent 30-day period, the unit salvaged \$67,166.10 worth of goods that will be used again against the Japanese. During the same period they prepared for sale \$316,352.64 worth of scrap metal and lumber.

In another 30-day period, 147 tons of fired shell casings, made of high priority brass, were salvaged, as well as 293 tons of copper, 786 tons of mixed bronze and brass, 44 tons of battery lead, seven tons of zinc, and 27 tons of radiators. Scrap metal up to 22-gauge is run through hydraulic presses which compressed it into small briquets for shipment back to the United States. Scrap copper-base metals have priority in salvage and pipes and tubing are cut by huge knives into small length for packing into barrels and drums.

Vehicles and other implements of war that have been scrapped as no longer serviceable are first "cannibalized" for all usable parts that they may yield before being turned into the scrap pile.

Salvage also applies to war damaged food-stuffs, clothing and other materials. The clothing renovation plant at the Supply Depot keeps seven sewing machines in operation 16 hours a day—one reason why the plant was able to

chalk up a record of 100,000 pounds of clothing renovated in one recent month. When clothes are received, they are cleaned, inspected, patched and water-proofed for tropical wear. Special treatment is required for such articles as foul weather gear, aviators' electrically heated leather coveralls, sheep-lined waterproof coats, and heavy overshoes.

Food salvage consists of inspecting all lots of recoverable food from ships that may have been damaged. The usable items are separated from the badly damaged ones. A Medical Officer then inspects the salvaged food, and if given his okay, it is returned to the food stockpiles for shipment to forward areas.

To encompass these multitudinous activities, the Naval Supply Depot is a huge organization of hundreds of buildings and sheds spread out in locations dotting the whole south side of Oahu. The tremendous job of getting adequate space for storage in a hurry immediately after the start of the war is partly responsible for this dispersement. Another reason is the security of the goods themselves—security from fire or enemy attack.

Hundreds of huge green trucks are on the move 24 hours a day, carrying supplies into the warehouses and from the buildings and storage spaces to waiting ships.

Anna Robertson Tops Previous Shorthand Record

Anna Robertson, S2c, of section 20, holds the enviable distinction of being the first trainee at the Cedar Falls Naval Training School to take dictation on standard material at the rate of 180 words a minute. Seaman Robertson uses a stenotype machine, and on her 180 dictation she transcribed at the rate of 47 words a minute and made only six errors.

"Halt," the seaman shouted as an officer approached his guard post. Then there was a long pause. He couldn't remember what to say next.

"Who's there?" the helpful officer prompted.

"Friend," the seaman said.

"Advance, friend and be recognized," the officer said.

The seaman advanced.

"Recognized," the officer said, still prompting, "Proceed." The seaman walked off the post and back to the barracks.—(Seashore)

First Sailor: "They say all geniuses are conceited."

Second Sailor: "Some of them—but I'm not."

Chevrons of Ship's Company

Robert Hodges, S2c

One of the latest additions to Ship's Company is Robert "Bobbie" Hodges, S2c, who hails from Des Moines, Iowa. Previously he was at Great Lakes where he took a course in Basic Engineering.

Bobbie is an all-around-handly boy. Some of his duties are official driver, messenger boy and taking care of the coca-cola machines.

Short WAVE Notes

Marjorie Blackwell of section 22 is following in her mother's footsteps by training at Cedar Falls as her mother was a Yeomanette in World War I. Her aunt was the second woman to be sworn in as a Yeomanette in World War I and was later a recruiting Yeomanette at 90 Church Street, New York. Marjorie's family is strictly Navy—she has five relatives in the Navy, three of which are serving overseas. Her father, too, is doing his part at Eclipse Aviation as one of the plant's head men.

Prudence Preston of section 42 boasts of a sister who has just returned from 35 months duty in the Southwest Pacific serving in the Army Nurse Corps. While in the Southwest Pacific she earned battle stars for major campaigns at Buna and Papuan. She has also been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Prudence and her sister are from Beverly, Massachusetts.

Carol Baker rode the seas for six years—in fact she was born on a ship at sea. Her father is working for the Navy as Port Captain in the Merchant Marines stationed in San Francisco. Captain Baker handles convoys for the Navy. Carol states that she was a Girl Scout Teacher, having had fifty girls in her class, when she was a civilian. Of course, you couldn't guess but Carol would like to be stationed in San Francisco.

Daffynition of the week: NUDIST—Only one who has less pocket space than a sailor.—(Terminator Beacon)

Navy Lends Helping Hand To Flood Victims

It's Navy to the rescue again. Come or high water, the WAVES are always willing to lend a helping hand. This time it was a case of high water. The Cedar River went on a rampage last week causing many families to evacuate their homes. For the relief of these flood victims, about twenty-two trainees under the able direction of Lt. (jg) C. Lee Olliff spent last Friday evening loading Red Cross trucks with blankets, springs and mattresses.

Waging a losing battle with the weather, they worked quickly and efficiently, loading in about an hour and a half some 200 blankets, 100 springs and 100 mattresses to be used in the Waterloo area.

The raging waters have receded now and each trainee who worked so hard is proud of the part she played in aiding the flood victims.

Present Navy Losses Exceed All Other Wars

More than five times as many Navy men have been killed in action during the present war as in all previous wars of the United States combined.

Statistics from the Office of Naval Records and Library in the Navy Department show that total Navy losses in all wars involving the United States from the American Revolution through World War I, amounted to about 4,232 killed in action. In World War II, 22,481 men of the Navy alone, excluding the Coast Guard and Marine Corps, have been killed in action, the Navy casualty report of 12 February reveals.

During the United States Civil War, deaths in Naval battles reached a total of 2,171. Eighteen Navy men died in action during the Spanish-American War, with 259 lost on the USS MAINE preceding the war.—The Bulldozer.

32 WAVES Become Chief Petty Officers

Of a total of 73,945 enlisted WAVES, 32 are CPO's. A WAVE must work up through the rates to become a CPO and, as in the case of male personnel, may not be advanced in rating unless there is a vacancy in the station complement.

Dinner Concludes Bowling Activities

On Tuesday at 1900 the Cedar Falls Bowling League wound up its activities for the year with a dinner at the Woman's Club House in Cedar Falls. Members of the Woman's Club prepared and served the dinner to some forty members of the League.

The tables were attractively decorated in an Easter motif. Ensign Virginia Hawke and Mary Sydness, Y2c, of the Navy teams were members of the committee in charge of the dinner.

Prizes were awarded for the season's League event and also for the city tournament. Ship's Company placed seventh and the WR officers eighth in the League. Lt. (jg) Esther F. Kedrovsky received the prize for placing 25th with high individual average for the season.

In the city tournament singles event, Mary Sydness, Y2c, placed fourth, Ensign Kay Holem, seventh and Bessie Pantle, Y2c, 8th.

At the close of the evening the members of the League honored the two Navy teams by singing "Anchors Aweigh".

WR Officers Lose Two of 3 Closely Contested Games

Climaxing the end of the bowling season the WR officers met the challenge of the male officers in a three-game series on Friday, 9 March, in the Cedar Falls Bowling Alleys. A large group of cheering spectators accompanied both teams to see the men win two of the three games rolled. All games were close and the final three-game tally put the men only 32 pins ahead. The scores were:

	WR	Men
First Game	547	520
Second Game	541	545
Third Game	534	544
	1627	1659

Ensign Kay Holem bowled high single game of 139 and high three-game total of 399 for the WAVES, while Lieut. Donald T. Marquis starred for the men with a high game of 149 and a high three-game total of 397.

MOVIES

Saturday, 24 March 1945

2000—"Bring on the Girls"—a musical comedy with Veronica Lake, Sonny Tufts and Eddie Bracken. Isle of Tabu. Jasper's-Minstrels. RKO News.

Sunday, 25 March 1945

1400—"God is My Co-Pilot"—a drama with Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massy. "Trap-Happy Porky." California Here We Are.

Section 44 Initiates Easter Bonnet Contest

"Spring is here, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is?"

When little ditties like that go floating around it is a sure sign that Spring has arrived and seamen's minds aren't on shorthand, records and forms, etc., but on blossoms, sunshine, Easter and new hats.—And speaking of new hats, section 44 has proven that the feminine heart and its love for new hats still beats under a uniform and a military manner.

A look at their bulletin board will disclose a sign announcing an Easter bonnet contest to be held right after noon mess on Easter Sunday. Quite a few of the sections have signed their names to the contestants list, so a number of "classy" models should appear. One early bird was modeling a fancy number the other night with her laundry bag wrapped in turban style around her head and a nail brush for decoration.

Rumors are circulating of other originals made from hand towels, bathing caps and other articles that the seamen have had hidden away in their suitcases with stout faith that someday they would use it for one thing or the other.

All in all this looks like a real event, so seamen who are feeling a wee-bit disappointed about not seeing the Easter Parade this year, may use their "sea-legs" and get down to the Main Deck Lounge on Easter Sunday to see some creations in millinery that would even make Lile Dache look twice.